

If you guessed Terry Esvelt for the mystery profile photo on the front page, you're right. But Esvelt isn't looking in a closet for BPA skel-

etons or ghosts. He just walked through an inspection door into the air delivery system duct on the top floor of BPA headquarters.

"Why would he do that?" you might ask. To check it out, of course. "There's a heck of a breeze going through that area," Esvelt said on a tour of the more obscure parts of BPA's headquarters building. He took the tour recently to get to know the place better. It's part of his new job and responsibilities starting in October.

Esvelt becomes senior vice president of the new workforce and workplace group. At least that's what it was called initially. But he invited people in the work group to suggest other names. The group settled on employee and business resources, and that's now official.

The new group combines the Shared Services organization with parts of the former corporate group that handle policies about BPA people and the work environment. The latter include safety, security, human resources and diversity, and contracts and property management.

So, to get more familiar with the physical terrain of his new post, Esvelt toured the HQ plant. He poked his nose into nooks and crannies, checked equipment closets and looked over operating centers from the basement to the roof.

## Veep looks over new terrain

The BPA headquarters is the fifth largest building in Portland, Esvelt says. "The complexity of the systems it needs to support 1,500 workers and BPA's power operation center is very impressive," he says.

Front page mystery profile -

Terry Esvelt, Senior VP for the new employee and business resources group checks out some of his domain. On the front page, Esvelt walks into the air delivery system duct at HQ through an inspection door.



Above left - Alan Crymes of HQ facilities explains the public address and white noise system. Right - Esvelt and Stewart McLaughlin of facilities view the penthouse emergency backup power system for the Power Business Line scheduling floor.

Photos by Taro O'Sullivan

## CFC drive is shorter with local focus and fun

This year's Combined Federal Charities

campaign is going to be short and sweet at BPA. The "sweet" is a new twist with weekly themes, local charity benefits and fun events for everyone.

"This year's campaign will celebrate the ways that we serve our community," Bryan Crawford of finance says. "CFC is one way many employees can get involved in their communities," says Kelly Otis of transmission training. Crawford and Otis co-chair the drive for BPA in the lower Columbia River area that includes Portland, Vancouver, Longview and The Dalles.

This year's target is to increase participation to 30 percent, from the 26 percent in 1999, and to raise \$190,000 in pledges. But Crawford says they have other goals in mind as well. "We want to build enthusiasm, increase pride in employees' giving and make the drive more fun," he says.

The national theme for the 2000 campaign is "Nurturing hope." The campaign will run five weeks - from Oct. 30 to Dec. 1. Each week will have a sub-theme and focus on a different charity field.

Check the CFC Web site for up-to-date information daily. It will have places to sign up, enter or order for the various events during the campaign. The Web site is: <http://webip1/corporate/kcc/cfc/home.html>.

During the full five weeks, BPA will hold a silent auction on the Web site. The auction proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Associates Foundation and the Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

The CFC co-chairs are seeking donations for the auction from employees and local businesses. Dulcy Mahar of communications has already

donated three high teas to be held in her garden. Vacation homes, household services (yardwork,

babysitting, baking, cleaning), and crafts and new gifts are all acceptable. The weekly themes and events follow.

**Week one - Nurturing the community.** BPA will hold a canned food drive to benefit the Oregon

Food Bank and people will be able to order flowers and candy for later delivery.

**Week two - Nurturing the elderly.** BPA will conduct a used clothing drive to benefit the needy elderly and will hold a miniature golf tournament. Proceeds from the latter will go to Northwest Medical Teams and the American Cancer Association.

**Week three - Nurturing our mind.** BPA will hold a bowling tournament to benefit Books for Kids. A used book drive will benefit S.M.A.R.T (Start Making a Reader Today), local shelters, youth activity centers and daycare centers.

**Week four - Nurturing the family.** BPA will deliver the flowers and candy that

people ordered earlier. Proceeds from these sales will go to homeless shelters in Portland and Vancouver. BPA will also collect coats and blankets to give to local shelters.

**Week five - Nurturing our future.** The CFC campaign will close out with a quiz show between the business lines. BPA will also announce the results of the silent auction held over the Web.

Finally, BPA will hold a Santa Claus letter fundraiser this week. People can choose a letter to have sent to children, friends, relatives, or anyone else that they want. The letters will be printed on holiday paper and mailed from Alaska with a North Pole postmark. Proceeds go to the Doernbecher hospital.

— by Alison Halfmoon, intern in the communications group



**Up and over to the rescue.** BPA attorney Arlena Barnes had a smile of relief after being "rescued" from her office recently. Barnes had closed the door to her office to work but when she tried to leave a couple hours later the door knob wouldn't open the latch. A call to building management brought Bill Peterson of Tecom and help.

The door handle could only be removed from inside with a special tool. A helper and witnesses watched as Peterson climbed a ladder in the hallway. He got into the ceiling above Barnes's office and dropped another ladder down to her. Barnes set and steadied the second ladder so Peterson could climb down and remove the door handle to fix it.

Peterson said painters had been working over the weekend and removed the door hardware. When a worker replaced the door hardware on Barnes's office, the handle missed the latch opening.

Germaine Sunday, staff manager for the general counsel's office, took photos of the event — just for the record, of course.

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